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DEPT PASS TO DHEW/OIA FOR DR. KING, DHEW/RSA FOR DR. GARRETT,
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SUBJECT: US/JAPAN COOPERATIVE PROGRAM IN HEALTH AND WELFARE

1. SCICOUNS MET WITH SHINJI KANEDA, DIRECTR OF
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE
(MHW) JULY 2 ON IMPENDING VISIT OF DRS. GARRETT AND COHEN.
ANSWERED THREE QUESTIONS ASKED BY KANEDA: (1) WHAT
POSITION DOES DR. GARRETT HOLD WITHIN RSA?; (2) IS
DR. KING AWARE OF OR INVOLVED IN THE VISIT?; (3) HOW
WILL PROPOSED COOPERATION IN REHABILITATION FIT INTO
OVERALL BILATERAL PROGRAM IN HEALTH AND WELFARE?

2. IN DISCUSSING THIRD QUESTION, KANEDA PROPOSED THIRD
MEETING ON US/JAPAN COOPERATION IN HEALTH AND WELFARE
BE HELD IN JAPAN IN LATE SEPTEMBER OR EARLY OCTOBER
THIS YEAR. PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION ON THIS MEETING COULD
BE HELD BETWEEN KANEDA AND DR. KING, IF LATTER VISITS JAPAN
ON WAY TO OR FROM REGIONAL WHO MEETING IN MANILA SEPTEMBER
6-11. KANEDA SUGGESTED THAT ANY UNDERSTANDING TO BE REACHED
AS RESULT OF DR. GARRETT'S MEETINGS WITH GOJ OFFICIALS COULD
BE FORMALIZED AT THIS THIRD MEETING IN TOKYO. (FYI: WE
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ALSO RECALL THAT US/JAPAN COOPERATIVE MEDICAL SCIENCES MEETING

IS SCHEDULED FOR TOKYO IN LATE SEPTEMBER. END FYI).

3. IN RESPONSE TO SCICOUNS SUGGESTION THAT PROPOSED HEALTH AND WELFARE MEETING TAKE UP FOR DISCUSSION PENDING QUESTION OF NIH GRANTS TO JAPANESE PROFESSORS, KANEDA SHOWED NETATIVE ATTITUDE, INDICATING GOJ SENSITIVITY TO QUESTION. (FYI: TANAKA OF MOFA HAS RETURNED FROM U.S. TO TOKYO AND SAYS HE WAS UNABLE TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH DR. KING OR OTHERS TO DISCUSS THIS PROBLEM. END FYI).

4. RE LETTER INQUIRY OF JEROME A. HALPERIN (FDA) ABOUT JAPANESE PALN TO SEND DELEGATION TO U.S. THIS YEAR, KANEDA SAID NO DELEGATE CAN BE WENT THIS YEAR OWING TO TIGHTNESS OF BUDGET. MOTOHASHI OF PHARMACEUTICAL AFFAIRS BUREAU APPRECIATED RECEIVING FROM HALPERIN A GREAT DEAL OF MATERIAL ABOUT U.S. DRUG REGULATORY PROGRAMS.
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